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Great Allied Offensive Begun in Italy; French and British Crush Wide Front: Wilson Appeals for Support at Polls

Republican Reply Col. House in To Wilson Demands In Truce Move German Surrender Reichstag Gets President's

Roused by the President's Appeal to Nation for Votes, Leaders Make Quick Answer, and Politics in This Campaign Is No. Longer "Adjourned"

Deny War Is Personal Issue And Say They Have Truly Aided

Executive Asserts His Opponents Are "Pro-War," but Are Also "Anti-Administration." and Declares Their Victory Would Have Bad Effect Abroad

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25,-President Wilson to-day appealed to the untry for the election of a Democratic Senate and House. He based as appeal not on the lack of loyalty of the Republicans, whom he admitted 'ere "pro-war," but on the fact that they would be "anti-administration." He urged that without this indorsement by the country he could not ontinue to be your unembarrassed spokesman in affairs at home and

The Republicans to-night frankly accepted this challenge. In a joint tatement-probably the first of its kind ever issued-a group of Republian leaders laid down a Republican platform, which included committing the country to a vigorous prosecution of the war, without further note The news of the revolt was quickly writing, until the German army has surrendered to Marshal Foch.

To that extent, it was pointed out, they are willing to challenge President Wilson's right to continue as the unembarrassed spokesman for the American people abroad.

The Republican leaders in their statement committed the party absolately to unconditional surrender, and while no caucus authorized this statement not a Republican could be found here to-night who did not heartily approve the statement, and, in fact, many individual Republican statements took the same general tone.

Republican Leaders

Cite War Record in

Reply to President

The statement issued by Re-

"Some time ago the President

publican leaders in Congress fol-

said 'politics is adjourned.' Now,

in the closing days of the cam-

paign-delayed by the united ef-

forts of all parties for the Lib-

erty Loan-now, when all public

meetings have been given up,

owing to the influenza epidemic.

the President sends out a direct

party appeal, calling upon his

countrymen to vote for Demo-

crats, because they are Demo-

erats, without any reference to

whether such Democrats have

been, or are, in favor of war

measures, and have a war record

"The voters of Michigan, to take

a single example, are called upon

to support Mr. Henry Ford-no-

torious for his advocacy of peace

at any price, for his contemptuous

allusions to the flag, for the ex-

emption of his son from military

service-on the sole ground that

he will blindly support the Presi-

to admit that Republicans are

loyal enough to fight and die, as

they are doing by the thousands;

loyal enough to take up great

loans and pay enormous taxes;

loyal enough to furnish important

men, at no salary, on some of the

great war boards in Washington.

But they are not loyal enough, in

the President's opinion, to be

trusted with a share in the govern-

ment of the country or legislation

"If the Republican party con-

trols the House, we can point out

some of the things they will do.

They will replace Mr. Dent, of

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"The President is quite ready

which deserves support.

Text of Wilson's Appeal to Nation To Elect Democrats

Following is the President's ap-

"My Fellow Countrymen: The Congressional elections are at hand. They occur in the most critical period our country has ever faced or is likely to face in our time. If you have approved of my leadership and wish me to continue to be your unembarrassed spokesman in affairs at home and abroad, I earnestly beg that you will express yourselves unmistakably to that effect by returning a Democratic majority to both the Senate and House of Representatives.

"I am your servant and will accept your judgment without cavil, but my power to administer the great trust assigned me by the Constitution would be seriously impaired should your judgment be adverse, and I must frankly tell you so, because so many critical issues depend upon your verdict. No scruple of taste must in grim times like these be allowed to stand in the way of speaking the plain truth.

All Are Patriotic

"I have no thought of suggesting that any political party is paramount in matters of patriotism. I feel too deeply the sacrifices which have been made in this war by all our citizens, irrespective of party affiliations, to harbor such an idea. I mean only that the difficulties and delicacies of our present task are of a sort that makes it imperatively necessary that the nation should give its undivided support to the government under a unified leadership and that a Republican Congress would divide the leadership. "The leaders of the minority

France to Act

Note and Different Sections Begin Consideration

German Cabinet Defers Its Reply

Croat Regiment at Fiume Revolts, Destroys Railroad and Seizes Port

Colonel Edward M. House, the President's unofficial representative, has arrived in France with military, naval and diplomatic advisers to take up the question of an armistice and peace negotia-, tions with the Allied leaders.

The President's latest note to Germany reached the Reichstag Thursday. The German War Cabinet has decided not to answer the note until it learns what the Allied armistice conditions are. Meanwhile, the Austro-Hungarian

and Hungarian governments have been upset by the revolt of a Croat regiment at Fiume, an Adriatic port. The troops seized the city and tore up the railroad. The mutiny was crushed in street fighting in which hundreds were

followed by the resignation of Baron Burian, Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, and Dr. Wekerle, Hungarian Premier, who were succeeded by two prominent liberals, Count Julius Andrassy and Count Albert Appenyi, respectively.

The separatist movements in the Dual Monarchy are continuing. The Czecho-Slovak Deputies have left the Reichrat, with the announcement that they would never return.

lish Deputies made demands for independence in the German Reichstag Wednesday.

Germans Want Entente's Terms

BASEL, Oct. 25 (By The Associated Press). The German war cabinet considered President Wilson's reply at a lengthy session yesterday, according to the Frankfort "Gazette." It was decided not to answer at the present time, but to wait until it is learned what the Entente's armistice condi-

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (By The As-Department, and Admiral William S. Benson, chief of naval operations, have arrived in France to represent the Draftees in Germany Germany's plea for an armistice and pence negotiations.

pean affairs and former secretary of worthiness was suspected was sent off cree on the subject. Frank I. Cobb, of New York.

port a week ago Wednesday, before the moved out wireless version of the last German note had been sent out, and were nearing the other side when President Wil on received the note and answered it. The arrival in France of Colonel House and Admiral Benson has cleared the way for the beginning of such deliberations by the Supreme War Council at Versailles as may be necessary to frame the draft of an armistice to be submitted to Germany.

The premiers of the Allied countries, who make up the political elements

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"But Just Before Christmas They're as Good as They Can Be"



Schleswig, Alsace-Lorraine and Po- Great Berlin **Crowd Cries** For Republic

Before Replying Gathers Before Reichstag and Demands Abdication of Kaiser

PARIS, Oct. 25. - An enormous crowd assembled before the Reichstag building in Berlin yesterday calling; for the abdication of Emperor William Wilson Commissioners and the formation of a republic, ac-Arrive in France for cording to a special dispatch from Zurich to "L'Information."

Parley on Armistice Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the Socialist leader who has just been released sociated Press). - Colonel E. M. House, He was compelled to enter a carriage Wilson and spokesman of the State a speech declaring that the time of the people had arrived.

the American Embassy at Berlin, and without ammunition. However, they

prisoners from the enemy forces,

PARIS, Oct. 25.—An order signed by the German General von Der Marwitz, dated October 1, which was taken from a German prisoner, warns the Fifth German army, tighting east of the Meuse that the enemy was about to attack with the object of cutting the Longuyon-Sedan Railroad and making the exploitation by the Germans of the Briey Iron Mines impossible.

The order says that on these mines "our steel production is largely dependent, and the fate of a great part of the Western Front, and perhaps of our people, depends on firm resistance along the Verdun front."

Free Love Bureau Opened by Soviets For All Girls of 18

jurisdiction of certain provincial Bol. that use. Rear Admiral Earle, chief Despite the desperate resistance of Colonel House is accompanied by dition of the German army is none too free love," according to the official struction. seph G. Grew, chief of the State Dedrafts has been of frequent occurrence. Workers' and Soldiers' Deputies, which by officers and men of the United States the intention of the Germans to with

miral Plunkett, former director of the 25 and 31. Under the decree a woman, having office of gunnery exercises and engi. Heavy German counter attacks east Foch Directs Great had concealed ammunition, and opened registered, "has the right to choose neering performance. The first party of the Meuse were thrown back early The party sailed from an Atlantic fire on the parade ground as their train from among the men between nineteen officers and men to handle the guns ar-French Troops Enter
Rumania, Defeat Foe

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and have beaten the enemy in battle, and have beaten the enemy in battle, and wives are to be presented once each month, the decree stated. Children born of such marriages are to become right end of their hundred-mile foothold on the Danube, the patrols took prisoners from the enemy forces.

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Greatest Made

German Railways Most

Destructive Weapon

Armies Strike Between Brenta **And Piave Rivers**

German Ambulance

W ITH THE ALLIED ARMIES Oct. 25 (By The Associated Press) .- The British army has now obtained absolute proof that the Germans are violating the rules of civilized warfare in respect to the use of the Red Cross, as had for some time been suspected. In yesterday's operations the Fifth Army captured a German ambulance which, engaged in carrying ammunition, bore the Geneva Red Cross.

This vehicle was found to be loaded with explosives, and the capture was considered so important that sentries were immediately posted to make certain that no one touched it until photographs of it could be taken for future reference.

Yankees Gain Hills in Hard Meuse Battle

Dominating Positions Are Won in Another Day of Terrific Struggle

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 25 (By The Associated Press) (8 p. m.) .-From a day of extraordinarily severe fighting the Americans emerged to- British and Italian forces on the night slightly in advance of the positions they held yesterday.

Germans Admit Fate
Hangs on U. S. Front

Yankee Guns

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Hangs on U. S. Front ground dominating much of the sur-In West Called

rounding terrain has been gained. (1 v. m.)-The American troops, despite strong German artillery fire, improved their positions at three important points along the front east and west of the Meuse during the night,

There has been comparatively little Attacking on a front of fifty miles Naval Artillery Battering afteration in the positions of tre, but the American footing in Belleu Woods, east of the Meuse, was more securely fixed, notwithstanding the determined efforts of the Germans to force the Americans back.

Four Counter Attacks

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 .- Details of the achievement of the Navy Depart-The fighting for positions just bement in making available for use on youd Belleu Woods began at 4 o'clock the Western front the great naval guns this morning, when the Americans which press dispatches have reported drove their way forward. At daylight to be hammering the German railway the Germans counter attacked, and Thirty-two hundred prisoners were centres back of the Oise-Serre front since the failure of that operation were made public to-night by Secre- have launched three other attacks, equally unsuccessful.

The naval guns, which have been in On the extreme left the gains made operation since September 16, original. by the Americans left them at the close ly were intended for new battle-cruis- of the day on the ridge extending from LONDON, Oct. 25 (British Wireless ers, but a change in the design of the Talma Farm to Belle Joyeuse Farm, on Service). - Russian maidens under the vessels left the guns unavailable for a line through the Bourgogne Woods.

shevik Soviets become the "property of the Navy Bureau of Ordnance, then the Germans and their apparent intenof the state" when they reach the recommended that the guns be sent to tion to initiate a counter offensive, in-Open Fire on Superiors age of 18 years and are compelled to the Western front, and he was directed formation falling into the hands of the LONDON, Oct. 25. The internal con- register at a government "bureau of to proceed with the design and con- Americans continues to indicate an Gordon Auchineless, his son-in-law, Jo-good. Mutinous conduct on the part of gazette of the Vladimir Soviet of The guns are manned and operated line, one informant declaring it to be enemy withdrawal to the Briquenay partment's division of Western Euro. On one occasion a draft whose trust-

Diaz's Fighters Seize Carried Munitions Three Heights on Left and Cross Ornic on Right

Haig Wrests 150 Cannon From Foe

Poilus Cross Serre and Souche, Take 3,200 Prisoners and Liberate Many Towns

October 26, 2:30 p. m. The Italians, aided by British and French, have launched a new drive between the Brenta and Piave rivers on the mountain front in Italy. They advanced on a front of twenty miles, to a depth of two miles in places, and captured more than 3,000 prisoners.

Striking with four armies at a weak link in the enemy's line, Diaz. hurled the Austrians back from formidable defences on the moun-

Three important heights on the left of the attack were stormed by the Italians who inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. On the right the Italians swept across the Ornice River into the Alano Basin.

Piave front captured several islands in the river, taking their garrisons prisoner.

advanced in conjunction with the main attack, and stormed Monte Sisemol. They took 800 prisoners.

On the front in France the Allied armies resumed their advances across the foe's defences, fighting forward on wide fronts.

the French drove forward more than a mile on the tip of the foe's salient that stretches toward Laon. On the left of the line they captured three villages and progressed beyond Villers-le-Sec. In the centre they threw forces across the Serre and the Souche in violent combats and reconquered several towns.

taken in the day's fighting, of which 2,000 were taken in the bitter struggle waged in the Soissons sector, on the east end of the fighting line.

The British in two days have captpred 9,000 prisoners and 150 guns. Striking toward Le Quesnoy yesterday they gained the line of the important railway supply line to Valenciennes. They advanced here two miles and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. Everywhere the Germans are putting up desperate resistance.

Blow in Italy to

main battlefront heavy blows ween

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